

THE LEHIGH VALLEY CITIZENS CONCERNED FOR A BETTER COMMUNITY

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THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of C.C.B.C. will be held on Wednesday evening, December 14th, at 7:30 P.M. Elections are the main order of business. Since there ^{are} no established voting rules, each person present may vote, and any person may be nominated for office, provided the nominee is present to accept or decline, or provided that the person who nominates can assure the body of the candidates prior consent to election. At present, those nominated to office are as follows: Co-Chairpersons - Carolee B., Judy ., Nick G.; Membership Vice-President- Joyce D.; Planning Vice-President- Doug D.; Publicity Vice-President - Carolee G.; Recorder- Joann P.; Treasurer- Al Bert K., Joseph W. B. Nominations are still open.

ZAP-December 21st, at Noon

Following the rousing address by our guest, Mark Segal, the group set up their first ZAP. In order to become better known, and to focus attention on the issues of gay rights, the group decided to go to city hall at Noon on December 23rd (Wednesday), and demonstrate their goals by chopping through a wooden donor symbolizing closeted gays and society's oppression. The media will be informed of the action shortly before it occurs. Joe Burns will act as spokesperson. It is expected that the lunchtime crowd exiting from the Courthouse and City Hall will provide a crowd and excitement for the action. Members of C.C.B.C. will carry signs and demonstrate during the other parts of the action. It is possible that some of us may spend Christmas in jail. But, we are going to check as far as possible to prevent this.

Dixie White is handling the press, Tracey E., is handling the props, Carolee is checking the site and time. There will be a work night on Monday the 19th at 1136 Walnut Street (two doors up from Confront) to make the props and signs.

MARK SEGAL

Mark Segal, famed Philadelphia gay activist and publisher of gay newspapers in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, East Ohio, and Atlantic City roused C.C.B.C. with his presentation at our last meeting. Stressing that gay rights could be used a vehicle to stimulate public discussion and consciousness-raising among the general public, Mark believes that the unsuccessful effort in Philadelphia in 1975 was quite successful in some ways. Mark's actions have tended always to support his philosophy of stimulating the public discussion.

Thus his famous Zaps of the Walter Cronkite show, the Today Show, and the Johnny Carson Show not only engendered discussion, but won from the three major networks concessions on gay rights and media coverage of gay events which has been paralleled. Mark described another Zap on a candidate for D.A. in Philadelphia from whom they won a generous endorsement of gay rights by inviting the public to a lunchhour coffeebreak in the man's office. The Candidate had no recourse but to address gay rights- smiling and positive.

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